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CITIES ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY.

The workmen's compensation act has been found has provisions which are of direct interest to municipalities and throughout the state the necessity of city action relative to the acceptance of its provisions has become apparent. The question before them is whether to carry insurance for those employees who would come under the provisions of the act, or to assume the risk themselves and take their chance with such defense as will exist to them in court. Several cities have already taken action and upon the advice of their counsel have determined that they will continue as they have in the past and demonstrate to the state authorities their ability to do so. This position is taken upon the ground that the number of accidents is not so large but what the assumption of the risk can be expected to make the expense lighter than under a system of insurance for their employees. This seems to be the general municipal inclination. What the outcome will be must be determined by the manner in which it operates. Henceforth better statistics will doubtless be available for basing an opinion upon the economic benefit of one method over the other.

The assumption of the risk by the city, in view of the new law, is going to call for the exercise of the greatest amount of safety in the operation of all departments. With this new realization of the responsibility of the cities, and the provisions of the act, insistence upon the greatest care and precaution for the elimination of danger must prevail, as if under insurance provisions.

PROTECTION AT TAMPICO.

The facts surrounding the action of Rear Admiral Fletcher at Tampico and the early reports of the declaration which he made differ widely. There was little to substantiate the declaration that he had threatened to turn his guns upon the federalists or the constitutionalists if they did not cease fighting, but in his position that the non-combatants, representatives of this and other countries, must not be fired upon he was not only justified but he was simply carrying out the express purpose of the American warships being in Mexican ports. It was a precautionary measure prompted by the requirements of safety, but also by the existing knowledge of the fighting forces and their tendency to indiscriminate destruction.

Rear Admiral Fletcher could be relied upon for better judgment than attempting any action which would involve this country in relations with Mexico which would be directly against the policy of the government, unless it was warranted. To warn the two armies that they must stop fighting was not called for there any more than elsewhere in the republic. Such would have amounted to nothing more than intervention and placing an entirely new phase upon the situation. The conditions at Tampico called for such action as was taken. It was timely and necessary performance in line with duty.

AGAINST LOG ROLLING.

Whether it is for the best interests of the war department or not may be questioned but the opinion prevails that Secretary Garrison will name a successor to General Leonard Wood following the expiration of his term of appointment as chief of staff of the army. There are many who believe that the duties of the office cannot be placed in more capable hands, or more efficient service secured, but if another is to be named, in accordance with the rights of the secretary of war it must be agreed that his attitude on the manner in which such appointment should be made is the right one.

There have been many who have desired the removal of General Wood who was named to the office because of his qualifications, that the office could be filled by some friend, secondary consideration being given to merit, but their efforts failed. Secretary Garrison proposes to abolish the log rolling methods which so often prevail in these cases. It is a task which is easier to lay out than to accomplish, but the wisdom of it cannot be questioned. When he sends forth warning that all for whom a campaign is made will at once be eliminated he indicates the

enforcement of new methods in making appointments. It is, however, an office in which politics should be eliminated. The most efficient man and one entirely in sympathy with the secretary is required. Though the dropping of General Wood may be questioned there is no doubt about the value of blocking log rolling.

BOSTON & MAINE RATES.

When the public service commission of Massachusetts finds that there is need of substantial advance in the rates of the Boston & Maine road and that they should come now, it is in accordance with the facts and conditions which are known to exist on the system. It is a noticeable fact that while the commission agrees that past management is the cause for the need of increased income, it apparently does not believe that the sins of the past should be allowed to interfere with the operations in the future.

That it is unfortunate that the road should be in its present position will be generally agreed. The inability to make the cause of those conditions operate to the reestablishment of the system is evident. The only other thing to be done under the circumstances seems to be to assist the road to get onto its feet. Such a course is necessary. It is the step which will prevent it from getting into a worse condition and surely there is no benefit to be derived from driving it to the wall.

The commission wisely declares that there should be no unjust or unreasonable increase in transportation charges and that there must be some certainty that the added income will be wisely used. Their report is in accord. In the main with the analysis of the system as made by S. M. Felton, president of the Chicago Great Western. Dealing with the future instead of the past it is a sensible report surrounding the facts.

THE PRESIDENT AND BRYAN.

When ex-President Elliot of Harvard, who was offered the appointment to the court of St. James by this administration criticized the manner in which Secretary of State Bryan in conducting the government, and exonerates President Wilson of all responsibility he attempts something which is hardly borne out by the facts. That he may have good cause for referring to the "pernicious activity" of Secretary Bryan for his replacing of experienced men in the cabinet. He endorsed him and it is a fact that while Secretary Bryan may have made the recommendations for the return to spoilsmanship it was within the power of the president to refuse to endorse them if they did not meet his approval. That Mr. Bryan should be criticized as the power behind the throne does little credit to the president. It must be remembered that the secretary of state holds a position entirely under the control of the chief executive. That a member of the cabinet in opposing the merit system has received the backing of the president is cause for surprise in view of President Wilson's supposed attitude upon that question. That he has fallen in with Bryan's advice does not, however, relieve him from the responsibility.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Carnegie nominates Root for president. He could have gone further and done worse.

Representative Hobson has demonstrated that even a prohibitionist can start a hot old time.

After two years' search Mona Lisa has been discovered. Now for the fellow who hit Billy Patterson.

The man on the corner says: There is no time in the year which passes so quickly as the two weeks before Christmas.

From the start which he has made there is absolutely no chance for Congressman Jeremiah Donovan to land the Nobel peace prize.

There seems to be a good opportunity for the opening of a school of instruction on the income tax and the workmen's compensation bill.

If Colonel Harvey should get the appointment as ambassador to France it will be recalled that those whom the gods would punish they first make mad.

Professor Taft declares he has reduced his flesh by following the advice of an authority, not a quack. That is a wise course to follow in most any undertaking.

Inasmuch as Secretary Lane is on record as favoring the Hetch Hetchy bill the reference of it to him by the president for a report before signing it seems to be superfluous.

Now that full control has been granted Provisional President Huerta over the interior, war and finance departments, there ought to be no difficulty in his setting up a kingdom.

The rise of A. H. Smith from messenger boy to president of the New York Central line is only another lesson of encouragement for young America in the climb up the ladder of life.

In his criticism of the administration ex-President Elliot of Harvard places the blame on Secretary Bryan. That is giving President Wilson precious little responsibility as the head of the nation.

There is plenty of opportunity for those who are laboring against divorce in Illinois when court records show that one judge has granted over 900 petitions in uncontested cases in three months.

When Chairman Elliott states that the handling of the mail, including parcel post, costs the railroad system \$900,000 a year, it ought not to require any extensive investigation to demonstrate the proof or fallacy of it.

Not knowing what to do with a fund of \$50,000, which was part of the money donated from all over the country for the flood sufferers, the governor of Indiana or the legislature would be justified in turning it over to the Red Cross, or sending it to Texas.

Now that the contracts have been let for the New London piers it is to be hoped that there will be no let up in the work or the effort until the project is completed and the lines are making the proper use of the facilities offered. The investment must not and probably will not be allowed to remain idle.

WOMAN IN LIFE AND IN THE KITCHEN.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

Garnish macaroni and cheese with slices of hard boiled eggs.

To potato soup add half a cup of blanched almonds, finely chopped.

Insects like neither salt nor alum, and a small quantity sprinkled on the carpet will keep them away.

Freshness of eggs may be tested by putting them into water. A fresh egg will remain at the bottom, one not so fresh will float a little higher, and a bad one will rise to the surface.

Art muslin curtains should never be washed in warm water. Make a lather with hot water and when it is nearly cold wash the curtains. If these are green add vinegar; if lilac or pink, ammonia.

There is an old fashioned cake which is possible if one has at hand a cupful of sour cream. Cream the yolks of three eggs with a cupful of sugar and when the mixture is light beat in a cupful of cream. Add a teaspoonful of dissolved a scant teaspoonful of soda. Then add a pint of flour, a little salt and a teaspoonful of lemon extract. Bake in an oblong, shallow tin.

HOW TO DISINFECT LINEN.

In all cases of infectious diseases it is important that all the linen, encased by the patient should be disinfected at once. If possible, before it leaves the sick room, especially if the patient is in bed. A linen which is disinfected it is a source of danger to all by whom it is handled.

One of the best disinfectants for this purpose is a one-to-twenty solution of copper sulphate. This sterilizes without injuring, and the blue tinge left is removed by washing. It is odorless, and the color of the solution makes it much less likely to be mistaken for food articles or medicine. Calcium chloride is likewise effective, but the chlorine odor is objectionable. A solution of one per cent. solution of cresylene sprinkled over the objects will completely sterilize in 24 hours.

FOR RED HANDS.

Red hands afflict many women as cold weather advances. This method is said to keep the hands soft and white:

Before going to bed wash the hands with lukewarm water and good soap; pat them on a small towel and rub into the skin the following lotion: Mix in a bottle the strained juice of two large fresh lemons, the same quantity of orange juice, and one-half cup of flower-water (not both) and half of the quantity of compound tincture of benzoin (by measurement about one) shake well before using.

This lotion is pleasant to use any time for bathing the hands, especially if the water is hard. A bottle of the lotion should be on the washstand, and a woman does her own housework she should keep a supply of it in the kitchen.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

Pure glycerin is too strong for the majority of skins; diluted it is a valuable toilet accessory.

To stop hiccough, dip a small lump of sugar in vinegar and allow it to dissolve slowly in the mouth.

The skin constantly throws off impurities, therefore perfect cleanliness and frequent baths are necessary if one wishes a clear complexion.

To assist in gaining flesh take a light luncheon before retiring for the night. An empty stomach will feed upon the fat of the body during the night.

Health authorities of Jamaica have decided that the consumption of yams, cocoa, and nutmeg and cayenne by the natives in reference to imported foodstuffs is responsible for the increasing death rate.

Every woman who cares to be lovely should keep her nerves at rest, ward off wrinkles, banish crow's feet and cultivate roses by sleeping at least eight hours a day. From 10 to 12 are the best hours. An afternoon nap of twenty or thirty minutes will aid in the good work.

An excellent exercise for expanding the chest and filling out the hollows of the neck and throat is to rise upon the tips of the toes at the moment of inhalation and hold the breath, holding it forcibly against the muscles of throat and neck, while you count fifteen; then exhale forcibly and come down upon the heels. Repeat ten times morning and evening when there are no constricting bands about the body.

GARTERS FOR THE SLIT SKIRT.

Trouser garters, or, as they are sometimes called, tango garters, are being introduced into general use. They are, as you doubtless know, a very tight garter, trimmed with rhinestone buckles and chiffon flowers, from which hangs a plumed bouncer of chiffon or crepe de chine. These are used with slashed dresses for dancing and in some cases with regulation tailored suits.

IMPROVING FLOORS.

This may be done by the housekeeper herself by the use of a ready-made paint to be procured at any paint shop. First clean the floor and allow to dry thoroughly; then apply a coat of flat color paint and allow to dry for at least 24 hours. If necessary to cover thoroughly the floor, apply a second coat of the flat paint. Before the second coat is applied make sure that the first one is perfectly dry, so the paint will cleave from the boards.

When the paint is dry and the floor well covered apply with a varnish brush any of the desired colors. They are found in oil, mahogany, cherry and other colors. One or two coats of the varnish may be applied to the floor as desired. This floor finish requires the same care that any varnished floor requires, and is considered to be the best finish for old painted floors. A coat of the same varnish applied every six months or a year, according to the wear of the floor, will keep them in fine condition. Rugs should be put in all places where the worst wear comes on the floor—Woman's World.

DICTATES OF FASHION.

Collars, jabots and fichus, if they give the vest or chemise effects, are fashionable.

Draped muffs of velvet are extremely large. They are frequently elaborately trimmed.

Two tone or plaited hosiery comes in a wide variety of colorings and combinations of colors.

Very smart are the women's shoes with black cloth tops and vamps of dull soft kid without tips.

To conceal rather than outline the figure is the distinguishing note of the up to date blouse.

Small draped hats of velvet, with a single feather fancy tellingly placed, are in unusually good taste.

Duvelin, which has made so strong an appeal this fall for bathing, has

much in its favor besides the exquisite colorings in which it is to be had. It is not only soft and supple, but has considerable warmth.

A distinctive note of the embroidery which is used on gowns this season is the design to which it is added. Apparently it cannot be too heavily padded, and when the hand work is done in worsted the padding is accentuated.

Very smart is a little vest resembling a man's evening vest in cut. It is very low and made of striped heavy material. It should harmonize with the color of the coat worn.

NET MUCH USED.

Net and chiffon are much used in combination with fur for collars and muffs. Huge muffs of black or colored fox have ruffles about the hands of wide plaatings of cream or pure white net mounted over chiffon. Sometimes the collars to wear with these muffs are finished at the ends with wide, fish-like frills of tulle and chiffon.

MOUSQUETAIRE GAITER TOP.

Of course we all of us knew that it had to come—the musquetaire gaiter top—ever since it became evident that the slit skirt meant to linger with us. And now that it has been introduced, it hasn't made a particle of stir. Nobody even threatens to legislate against it and, in fact, a great many men declare that at last women are acquiring a little sense in regard to protecting their ankles and calves from the rude blasts of Boreas, by having adopted boot tops that come to the knees. They are the daintiest things imaginable, these gaiter extremities, musquetaire, whether made in duvelin or leather cloth, in suede or in kid. The smartest sort are plainly tailored, fit perfectly over the instep, ripple ever so slightly over the ankle and above the ankle, appearing to be quite loose. Yet in every instance they make the leg seem slender and oh! so completely and modestly protected.

NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

A pretty brassiere is made of alternate strips of lace and beading, through which wide ribbon is threaded. Adjustable straps are used for evening wear.

To bring the letters up black when marking clothing with indelible ink, press firmly against the chimney of a lamp or gas globe for a moment. This will do when a hot flat-iron is not convenient.

When the drawn work in linen dollies or any other fancy work is worn out and the centers still remain good, stitch a row of insertion over the drawn work.

One of the newest forms of buttons seen on a fine lingerie blouse was a barrel shape covered with white muslin. It was pulled through the button-hole and allowed to hang down loosely for about an inch from a twist of the muslin.

A dainty white handkerchief seen the other day had, instead of the ordinary hemstitched border a tiny blanket stitch design not more than an inch wide in width, and, over the raw edges in vivid colors—blue, red or green.

There is a night gown designed especially for travelers who must pass the night on a train or boat. It is preferably made of black silk and has a pocket in which toilet articles may be tucked and a big hood, which may be turned over and fastened with a strap from the berth to the dressing room. Some women wear a black silk cap to save annoyance from dust and cinders and to keep the hair from getting disarranged while sleeping.

MAGNET TO FIND LOST NEEDLE.

Time and again every woman who sews at all has dropped her needle, and only through diligent search has she discovered the shining bit of steel close at hand, says the Christian Science Monitor. A magnet is a very helpful in finding a lost needle, but few women provide their sewing basket with this useful accessory. Some one, realizing these two things, has put a thimble in the market provided with a tiny magnet. The needle lost, one has the magnet at hand. She has only to run the thimble about and soon will be awarded by finding the truant needle, clinging to the tiny piece of magnetized steel.

STEAMER BASKETS.

For the friend who is going abroad there is no nicer gift than the steamer basket of oriental delicacies. Flowers are nice, of course, but their glory fades so soon. Something which may serve each day of the voyage to remind the traveler of "the folks at home" makes a far more fitting gift. The steamer basket makes a pretty keepsake even after it has been used of its duties. And then such wonderful sweets as it contains. Filled dates, spiced nuts, glazed fruits, strips of candied lemon and orange peel, foreign confections known as marmalade berries—these are but a few of the delicacies packed temptingly within the pretty basket. The oriental shops pack these and send them for you directly to the steamer. It can readily be seen how much pleasure would be got from such a distinctive gift.

CONCERNING WOMEN.

Of the insane patients in the asylums of the state of New York there are 16,482 women and 14,959 men. But in the penitentiaries it is different, the percentage of men being so much higher. Criminologists find that the same cause sometimes puts a man in the penitentiary and a woman in the insane asylum.

Year by year women's aptitude for their historic profession, for such the medical profession is conceded to be, is emphasized. This year the medical department of the University of Texas graduated two women at the top of its honor roll. The winner of the second honors was a Russian girl, who has been in this country only six years. The medical department of the Texas university has been open to women since its foundation.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Ogden Mills, Jr., of New York were godmothers by proxy at St. Agnes church when Frederick McNamee Toys, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Toys, was christened. Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Mills were represented in the person of Mrs. W. A. Banks of Hollywood. Mrs. Toys became a friend of Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Mills while in the east. When the New York society women learned three weeks ago of the christening of Frederick the proxies were arranged.

TRAVELER'S HAT BOX.

Make your own hat box of pasteboard and cover it with wall paper or cretonne. Hinge the sides to the bottom of the box with baby ribbon, run through eyelets. Make the top to hinge to one of the sides. This can be folded and carried in a trunk, and is

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RECIPES

Potato Fritters—One pint of boiled and mashed potatoes, one-half cupful of hot milk, three tablespoonfuls of butter, two eggs, a half teaspoonful of salt. Add the milk, butter and salt to the mashed potatoes and then add the eggs well beaten. Stir until very smooth and light. Spread about one inch thick on a buttered dish and set away to cool. When cold cut in squares. Dip in beaten egg and in bread crumbs and fry in boiling fat. Serve at once.

Fayal Biscuit—Three cupfuls of flour, one cupful of milk, three eggs, half a cupful of sugar, butter size of an egg, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Blend the butter and sugar, add the beaten eggs, then the milk; sift the flour and gently stir into the other ingredients. Lastly, beat in the

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